PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE (September 24, 2008)

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Amjad Butt, M.D., a 54 year-old physician who formerly practiced cardiology in Clinton, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On September 17, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Butt with engaging in a pattern of unprofessional conduct and/or sexual harassment in the practice of medicine. The Board charged Dr. Butt with sexually harassing female co-workers and with making inappropriate sexual comments to female co-workers and patients. A hearing has been scheduled on December 1, 2008.

Narinder Kumar, M.D., a 55 year-old pediatrician from Bettendorf, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board. On May 31, 2006, the Board charged Dr. Kumar with engaging in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and he agreed to have a female chaperone present while treating female patients and he was placed on probation for a period of five years. On April 26, 2007, the Board filed new charges against Dr. Kumar and suspended his Iowa medical license. The Board charged Dr. Kumar with violating the terms of the May 31, 2006, Order, and with engaging in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine. On August 9, 2007, after a hearing, the Board concluded that Dr. Kumar violated the terms of the May 31, 2006, Order. The Board issued Dr. Kumar a public reprimand, terminated the suspension of his license and placed him on probation subject to the terms established in the May 31, 2006, Order. On September 17, 2008, the Board charged Dr. Kumar with violating the terms of the Board Order when he tested positive for alcohol, failed to call into the Board's drug screening program, and failed to provide urine samples for the Board's drug screening program on two occasions. A hearing has been scheduled on December 1, 2008.

Michael S. McCleary, M.D., a 38 year-old physician who practices internal medicine in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve pending disciplinary charges. On October 12, 2007, Dr. McCleary entered into a Physician Health Contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for substance abuse and mental health monitoring. Dr. McCleary agreed to fully comply with the terms of the IPHP contract. On June 29. 2008, Dr. McCleary was arrested and charged with DUI. On July 10, 2008, the Board charged Dr. McCleary with violating the terms of the IPHP contract when he failed to comply with the IPHP drug screening program and he repeatedly used an abusable drug without IPHP approval. Dr. McCleary practiced medicine after he had agreed not to. Recently, at the direction of the Board, Dr. McCleary completed Board-approved substance abuse treatment and the treatment program concluded that Dr. McCleary may return to the practice of medicine subject to appropriate counseling and monitoring. Under the terms of the September 17, 2008, Settlement Agreement, Dr. McCleary was placed on probation for a period of five years subject to counseling and monitoring requirements. The Board also ordered Dr. McCleary to pay a \$5,000 fine, issued him a public reprimand and ordered him to complete a Board-approved ethics program.